



St Marys Bairnsdale

BAIRNSDALE – OMEO
East Region – Diocese of Sale
Who we are tomorrow begins with what we do today.



St Patrick's Paynesville

Vision: We are a welcoming community where the word of God, through the message of Jesus Christ is made known & lived.
Our mission is to: Live the message of Jesus Christ taking inspiration from Mary, the Mother of God.
Empower our community to activate their gifts to build a better world. Strengthen and grow our faith.

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C – May 5th, 2019
Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

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Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month.
 Please submit items for consideration to the Parish Centre by 10.00am on Tuesday the week before the meeting.
Members: Angela McKail, Michael Flynn – co-chairpersons, Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier.
A Parish Directory of all Groups and contact details is available at the Pastoral Centre.

Sacraments: Sacramental Information and registration forms are available at: stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com
Baptisms: Preparation sessions are held regularly. Please call the Sacramental Coordinator to register your interest. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st or 3rd Sunday's of each month.
Weddings: 6 months' notice required, schedule dates with priest.
Funerals: Please check with priest before setting dates & times.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.
Communion to the Housebound & Aged Care:
 Please call Pattie Pruscino 5152 2942 or 0427 232 682
Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months' notice is needed to facilitate a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

Liturgy/Mass Times

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: Sat - 6:00pm & Sun - 9:30am
CHILDRENS LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sun 9:30 during school term
ST PATRICK'S PAYNESVILLE: Sun - 8:00am
ST CANICE'S LINDENOW: Sun - 11:00am

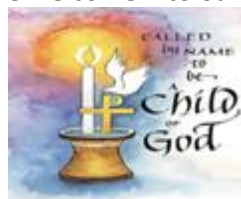
1st Wed. of Month 10:30am BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
 2nd Wed. of Month 10:30am OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
 4th Wed. of Month 10:30am Maddocks Gardens

4th Sundays of the Month - MASS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO: Sun - 9:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 11:00am
Other Sundays of the Month - LITURGY of the WORD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO: Sun - 9:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sun - 8:30am
ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:30am

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE – WEEKDAYS
 Mon: 9:10am Mass
 Tues: 9:10am Mass
 Wed: 9:10am Mass
 10:30am Mass at OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary's Primary School Chapel Grade 1's
 Fri: 8:00am Mass at Nagle College Chapel
 9:10am Mass

RECONCILIATION
ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: After Friday 9:10 am Mass
Saturday: 9:30am – 10:00am, 5:30 pm – 5:50pm
OTHER CHURCHES: Before Mass
DEVOTIONS
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after 1st Friday Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass
Morning Office: 8:45am in St Mary's Chapel
Rosary: after weekday morning Mass at St Mary's
 10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville

We welcome into our Parish family this weekend



Grace May & Elroy Patrick
 children of
 Bethany & Nicholas Dunbar

NEXT WEEKEND 11th & 12th May 2019

| ROSTERS | Commentator | Proclaimer | Procession of Gospel/Gifts | Special Ministers |
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| 6:00pm | J Peachey | P Reefman | M Calabro | J Peachey, P Reefman & another. |
| 9:30am | H Van Den Einden | J Coverdale | R & J Gray | D Atkins, K & G Cassidy |
| CHURCH CLEANING: 1st - 15th May: M Owen, J & D Fallon | | | | |

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Lauraine Brice (Sion nun from Sale), Peter Ross.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Lance Bills, David Bull, Patricia Fisher, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler, Fr Patrick Moore, Fr James Martin, Fr James Hegarty, Teresa Saulle, Don Ward, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, baby John Brooks, Fortunato & Francesca Desio, Norman Dore, Joe Gwizdek, Sean Dooley, Maria Capobianco, Rick Marshall, Fr Tim O'Brien, Fr Maurice Hoyne.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Arthur Elbourne, Jayden Harrison, Keith Hayles, Jane Rowlands, Genevieve Bolleman, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggell, Ray Adamson, Daphne Moore, Pat Doe, Trevor Steer, Amy Hood, Margaret Wood (Paula B-G's sister), Julie Frew, Yvonne Roy, Bernard McCarthy (Jose's brother), Holly Box, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Billy Sant, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Sue Bayley, Daryl Evans, Bill Cole, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Brenda Lyons, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Ena Morris, Kerry Larkin, Rick Jones, Joyce Harrington, Di Dunlop, Mark Kelly, Coral Prendergast, Gerry McDonald, Guy Newman, Terry Pendergast, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Victoria Haeusler, James Warren, Trish Freebairn, Tracey Moffatt, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Tammy Ewing, Trish Henderson, Brian Rowe, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Margaret Flynn, Shannon Helmers, Amanda Matthews, Rose Gallagher, Tyson Chapman, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Thomas Anderson.

Please remember all parishioners who are in ill health or recuperating from illness or surgery.

Please let the Parish Centre know if you wish to add or remove names of persons from the sick list.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is back for term 2. All children to the age of 12 are welcome to attend. Young teenagers/adults are encouraged to come along and help. If you are not sure about your child attending, please know that you are invited to come along also. Our thanks to Michelle and Amanda for their ongoing support of this wonderful initiative.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.

26,000 VISITORS AND 100,000 DOLLARS

Still the number 1 thing to do on the website *TripAdvisor*, our much admired church has now passed the \$100,000 mark for donations by visitors and books sold since December 2014. We have a beautiful church to welcome others to and a wonderful story to tell about the murals. It is our unique story and our volunteer guides testify to the pleasure they have in meeting people from interstate and overseas. Do you have a few hours to spare during week days? Do you enjoy meeting new people and having a conversation? That's all it is, basically. You don't need to be a trained public speaker, or historian. You just need to be able to tell our story of the murals and the two key characters: Fr Cremin and Francesco Floreani. If you're interested in becoming a church tour guide, please contact the Parish Office. A few more people and we'll be able to conduct tours on Sunday afternoons, too!

PARISH RETREAT

29 April – 25 May



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME SPIRITUALLY FIT

Monday 6th, 13th and 20th -

sessions at 1.30pm OR 7.30pm

Closing Session Saturday 25th May –
details to be confirmed.

For more information please contact Pattie Pruscino
5152 2942 or Chris Power 0418 148 657.

(It may be too late to connect this time, but if we know you are interested, another retreat may be organised.)

**Please keep Fr Alvin and all those participating
in your prayers.**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

by *Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator*

It covered almost 10 months and culminated in a flurry of late submissions, but the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has yielded a remarkable foundation from which the people of God can move forward. Late last week, the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) completed the statistical analysis and reported that more than 17,500 submissions had been lodged -- thousands of which represented groups. In all, more than 222,000 people either made an individual submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission.

The NCPRI will continue its quantitative and qualitative analysis of the stories that people have shared over the coming weeks. From that analysis, which will include prayer and discernment, national themes for discernment will emerge and be announced in June. Reports will be published on each of the themes and allow ongoing involvement for the large numbers of people who participated during the Listening and Dialogue phase.

Right now, the Plenary Council facilitation team is working on the advertisements, job descriptions, terms of reference and other supporting collateral for the Working Groups – the collaborative teams of people who will draft the papers in response to the Listening and Dialogue submissions. Those papers will become the foundation for the Plenary Council agenda.

Stay tuned [by subscribing to *Plenary Post* at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au] for more information on the Working Groups. In the meantime, celebrate the achievement of over 222,000 people having been a part of the process until now and think about the kind of Church we are becoming through the encounter of Christ in one another.



Next weekend is
Good Shepherd Sunday
and is also
**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations.**
There will be a 3rd
collection for the
**'Education of Seminarians
Bursary Fund'.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

This Sunday new and continuing PPC members will be commissioned for 2 years or another 12 months. If ever you have a worry or concern about our parish, please contact one of the members. Remember to keep them in your prayers as they strive to be sensitive to the vision and ideas of others so that they may be truly representative of our parish community.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

Concrete, drainage and lighting works have begun on the east side of the church. Trucks will be accessing the work area via the internal driveway. Therefore, access to the church during the week will be mostly via the west porch on the Pyke St side. We apologise for any inconvenience. All entry points will be available on weekends. Also, please mark your diaries and reserve the evening of **Wednesday May 29**. Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, and another guest presenter, Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC, will share their expertise regarding renewal of church interiors, particularly with our church in mind, as we endeavour to conclude the liturgical brief for Arthur and the Bishop. We continue to pray and discern how any changes might look. Your discernment is important. "When a place of worship is to be renewed, the local church community is to be genuinely consulted and engaged in the whole process." (*Fit for Sacred Use*, n823)

BAIRNSDALE UNITING CHURCH

The Pipe Organ & Musical Events Group are presenting a short concert for your enjoyment with the Bairnsdale Canzona Brass on Sunday morning **May 5th** 11:30am to 12:30pm at Bairnsdale Uniting Church. **COST:** \$5 Musicians will be John Schmidli on trumpet; Rachael Gilliland on Trombone and Kees Dogger on French Horn.

SMILE

Teacher: Name 5 fruits. **Student:** 1 apple and 4 oranges.



AN INVITATION

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We are glad you are here and invite you to be an active part of us again. If you would like more information on our parish program Reconnect, please contact Patricia Walsh on 5152 2418 or Sandra Tilley sfo on smtilleyofs@bigpond.com

HAVE YOU THOUGHT – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specially mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciple's new ministry.

DATES TO REMEMBER

29th Apr – 25th May: Parish Retreat.
12th May: 3rd Collection for Education of Seminararians Bursary Fund.
26th May: 3rd Collection for Trinity Families.
29th May: Seminar regarding St Mary's church interior.
9th Jun: St Anthony of Padua Mass & Procession.
16th Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle at Bairnsdale.
22nd/23rd Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.
13th/14th Sep: Diocesan Assembly.

CALLED AND GIFTED

Charism is simply the Greek word used in the New Testament for "favour" or "gratuitous gift".

Appreciating charisms, or spiritual gifts, helps us to see our parish as a place of gifts, rather than a place of needs.

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognise their charisms and abilities, but there are many who are unsure of their gifts. We must all do our little bit to encourage and help discern how we may use our gifts/ charisms.

No gift is too small or insignificant.

The Charism of HOSPITALITY

empowers a Christian to be a generous channel of God's love by warmly welcoming and caring for those in need of food, shelter and friendship.

Is this your gift?



Our Parish is blessed with many people who share their gifts/charisms within our Church and wider community. We give thanks to Sue and her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** –for supporting parishioners to become 'proclaimers'; to Fr Alvin and his gift of **KNOWLEDGE** – supporting people on their faith journey through a retreat; and to Shannon and her gift of **TEACHING** - courageous to learn about her faith and to share. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, uplifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit www.chosenconference.org.au. For further information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081

FAMILY WEEK

CatholicCare's Family Week is from 15-21 May this year and has the purpose of assisting schools and parishes to celebrate and strengthen family relationships. As Pope Francis says, in *Amoris Laetitia*, "The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection," (para. 11). This year's theme, *Building Connections in the Spirit of Hope*, is focused on hope and trust as foundations for intra- and inter-family relationships. Recognising that Parish-School connections benefit both, and that family wellbeing is a primary goal for both.

Suggestions:

- Pray for and affirm local families in their journeys.
- Support a family as their child prepares for the Sacrament of First Communion.

Collections for week ending 28th April 2019

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| Envelopes | \$ 952.70 |
| Direct Debits & Cards | \$ 130.00 |
| 1 st Collection | \$ 491.25 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 783.45 |
| Church Tours | \$ 232.75 |
| Project Compassion | \$6,478.30 |

Prayer for the Plenary Council 2020

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

5: 27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

(Revelation) 5: 11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.'

Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John 21: 1-14

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 12/05/2019
4th Sunday of EASTER, Year C
1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52
Psalm: Ps 99: 1-3, 5
2nd Reading: Revelations 7: 9, 14-17
Gospel: John 10: 27-30